

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SOPHIA QUILL,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, et al.,

Respondents.

No. 2:21-CV-1044-DMC-P

ORDER

Petitioner, a federal prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Pending before the Court is Petitioner's motion for the appointment of counsel, ECF No. 3.

There currently exists no absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See Nevius v. Sumner, 105 F.3d 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at any stage of the case "if the interests of justice so require." In the present case, Petitioner offers no compelling evidence of the need for appointed counsel, and the Court does not find that the interests of justice would be served by the appointment of counsel at the present time. While Petitioner states that she is incarcerated, indigent, untrained in the law, and unable to go to the prison law library due to sickness, these circumstances do not warrant the appointment of counsel. In this regard, the Court notes that Petitioner is articulate and has been able to present her claims cogently. To the extent

1 Petitioner's circumstances justify additional time to comply with deadlines, the Court will
2 entertain appropriate requests once deadlines have been set.

3 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner's motion for appointment
4 of counsel, ECF No. 3, is denied without prejudice to renewal, at the earliest, after a response to
5 the petition has been filed.

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7 Dated: August 27, 2021

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dennis M. Cota', written over a horizontal line.

DENNIS M. COTA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE